



## 2016 Iowa Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference

### Call for Conference Proposals

#### **OVERVIEW**

Drug Endangered Children (DEC) are part of a very large and growing population of children whose lives have been seriously and negatively impacted by parental or caregiver drug abuse. Hundreds of children across Iowa go unnoticed and do not receive the necessary intervention and care to heal from these abusive environments. The purpose of this Conference is to provide best practices in identifying and caring for drug endangered children.

The 2016 Iowa Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference will be held April 4, 2016 at the Meadows Events and Conference Center in Altoona, Iowa. The conference is held in partnership with the Polk County Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. Please visit [www.iowa.gov/odcp/programs/dec.html](http://www.iowa.gov/odcp/programs/dec.html) for more information.

#### **INTENDED AUDIENCE**

This conference is intended for professionals who work with drug endangered children and their families including those from law enforcement, human services, prosecution, healthcare, mental health, substance abuse treatment and prevention, child development, and education.

#### **PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

Proposals are sought that highlight promising practices to help drug endangered children and their families or explore new concepts and enhance knowledge about children, youth, and families who are affected by substance use disorders and who may be involved in the child welfare and/or criminal justice systems. Workshops can also highlight broader social issues (e.g., poverty), that could impact how professionals work with these children and their families. Workshop content should focus on sharing knowledge that improves strategies, collaborative responses, or policy and program development. Proposals should clearly state the session goals and objectives.

There are typically two (2) 90 minute Plenary presentations and four 90 minute presentations during both the morning and afternoon breakout sessions (for a total of 8 breakout sessions), though the Conference Planning Committee has the discretion to change the conference agenda without notice. Reviewers will identify whether the topic addresses a current and immediate priority or promising practice, the topic has wide appeal and interest to the target audience, the information can easily be implemented or transferred into practice, and the presentation discusses or addresses cultural differences.